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LS polls: Public campaign ends this evening

Prohibitory orders from 6 pm

Mysuru, Apr. 16 (RK&DM)- With the polls for Mysuru-Kodagu LS seat just two days away, the District Administration has made all necessary arrangements for the Apr. 18 voting. As per the direction of the Election Commission, prohibitory orders under Section 144 of Cr.PC comes into effect across the district from 6 pm today once the public campaign ends. The prohibitory orders will be in force till the midnight of Apr. 18 and all fairs and shandies have been postponed. Also sale of liquor has been banned from 6 pm today (Apr. 16) till midnight of Apr. 18, said DC Abhiram G. Sankar.

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Mysuru, Tuesday 16th April 2019

Unsung heroines

An often-quoted verse taken from Manusmriti, ***Yatra naryastu pujyante ramante tatra Devata, yatraitaastu na pujyante sarvaastatrafalaah kriyaah*** translates as: Where women are honoured, divinity blossoms there, and where women are dishonoured, all action no matter how noble remain unrewarded. The numerical shortfall of females in the country's total population by an estimated nearly five per cent cropped up during debates in some circles some months ago. The context was reports in dailies that females suffered at the hands of males in many ways, notably female foeticide, killing of brides in the khap community, sexual assaults on minors and also denying them presence in the Parliament as well as Legislative Assemblies of States equal to their share in the population, not even 33 per cent as proposed in the country's topmost law-making body nearly three decades ago. However, while women's presence in the country's urban workforce has reportedly witnessed a 20 per cent increase over the past five decades, their presence in the domestic duties sector, said to account for 70 per cent of their population, thanks to their time-honoured duties of child-bearing and care as well as household work.

The rural scenario of a dominant presence of women in agriculture, both pre-harvest and post-harvest, has endured for centuries. The rustics are in a frame of mind to change from patriarchal system unlike the urbanites lost in turmoil as a result of many factors, particularly compulsions of city life marked by both genders jostling with each other.

There is hardly any profession that women have not entered, including those that have been bastion of males until not too long ago. They are shining as entrepreneurs, heads of corporates, bureaucrats in high posts, officers with top ranks in defence services, Judges of High Courts, specialist doctors and so on. They have lately outshone males by taking part in the country's election process, reportedly exercising their right to vote in more numbers than male voters. Women have far outnumbered males by their overwhelming presence as teachers in primary, higher primary and secondary school stages. As the results of various public examinations are revealing nowadays, boys have been pushed to the back seats as it were with the girls hogging top ranks, medals and prizes.

The feature of almost equal presence of both genders in all living species on *mother* earth has the message that they live in flawless harmony, one *not* disadvantaging the other. Moreover, addressing the females in the world of human species as *mother* and *sister,* the two unsung heroines in their families as well as in society has its inbuilt factor of respect for the females thus redeeming the males from the charge of disrespect for the other gender.

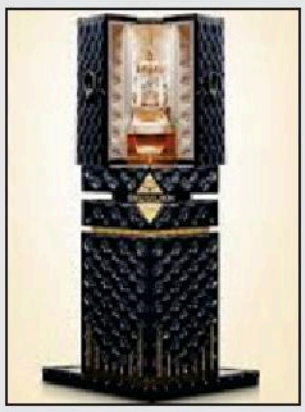
EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

Lasting tranquillity or calmness of mind cannot be reached only by changing the external circumstances of our lives. Inner tranquillity lies in being undisturbed despite external circumstances. Therefore, the role of external situations in bringing tranquillity to the mind is at best transient — if things that disturb us are removed, we are temporarily more at peace. But when circumstances change, so will our mind, and we will soon find ourselves disturbed once more. The pathway to tranquillity lies in steadying our inner experience. That depends less on our life situations and more on the way we respond to those situations.

— A.G. Mohan and Dr. Ganesh Mohan in The Hindu

NEWS SPARKLERS

Perfume bottle breaks three world records!



Dubai: A Dubai company unveiled a perfume bottle with more than 3,500 inset diamonds and three Guinness World Record titles.

Guinness confirmed the bottle for Shumukh, a unisex fragrance made by Spirit of Dubai Parfums, is a world record holder for most diamonds set on a perfume bottle, with 3,571 of the gems on the bottle and is also the world's most expensive fragrance, with a price tag of $1.295 million per bottle.

The bottle sits in a wheeled pedestal with a remote control that adjusts the height and direction of the spray, making it the world's tallest commercially available remote-controlled fragrance spray bottle at a total height of 6 feet, 5.6 inches.

Stolen statue returned with flowers and a card

Pennsylvania: A surveillance camera captured two thieves dressed in sweats and hoodies stealing a statue of a lion off the front steps of a home on the 400 block of North Church Street.

The security camera also captured the moment a stolen statue being returned to its owner's home with flowers and an apology card.

"Soon after we posted the video of the lion statue being taken from a residence, it was returned. with flowers and a card," the department wrote.

"We thank everyone who shared the video and to the two fellas, smart move to return the property. The owner is grateful the statue was returned," the Police said.

HEALTH CAPSULE by Bron Smith

What is the highest body temperature that a human can tolerate?

The cells of the body begin to die at 106 degrees Fahrenheit (41 C). At that temperature, the body would have to be immediately cooled down in order to survive.

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Selected for 'Spark Catch Them Young'

Mysuru, Apr.16- Rohith S. Murthy, M.S. Manyashree and V. Sinchana, Class VIII students of Acharya Vidya Kula, Mysuru, have been selected for 'Spark - Catch Them Young (CTY) - 2019' training programme to be held at Infosys Mysuru campus. The training began from yesterday (Apr.15).

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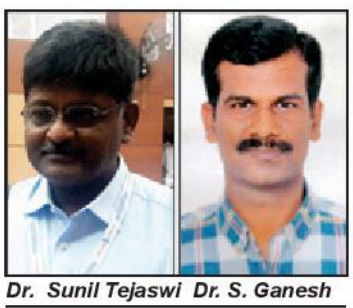

Dr. Sunil Tejaswi Dr. S. Ganesh

Mysuru, Apr.16- Dr. K.L. Sunil Tejaswi, Reader, Department of Conservative Dentistry and Dr. S. Ganesh, Reader, Department of Prosthodontics, JSS Dental College and Hospital, Mysuru, won 2nd Best Paper (Oral Presentation) Award at the International Conference on 'Advanced Functional Materials for Energy, Environment and Health Care 2019' held at University of Mysore (UoM), Manasagangothri, recently.

The Conference, which was attended by more than 600 delegates, was conducted by the Department of Material Sciences, which has been awarded 'University with Potential for Excellence' by the UGC India.

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VOICE OF THE READER

Is your name in voters' list?

Sir,

With the voting date of Apr.18 LS polls nearing, my interaction with people reveals that many of them are not aware whether their names are in the voters' list or not. Most of them I suspect do not check and believe that as they voted earlier their names would be in the voters' list.

They also rely on agents giving slips showing their names but recent information circulating is that unlike last time there will be no slips being distributed and it is incumbent of the voter to find their names. Also till now there is no sign of agents distributing the slips much in advance unlike last time.

Unfortunately, the Election Commission has not given any guidelines as to how to track your name in the voters' list. While the educated ones rely on information given by friends or as given in WhatsApp in some cases, it is difficult to imagine how the uneducated and unlettered people like domestic help and others would be in a position to check their names.

It is requested that EC should immediately publish clear instruction so that it would create awareness among voters.

—H.R.Bapu Satyanarayana
Saraswathipuram 15.4.2019

NOTE: *The enrolled voters can call* ***Helpline 1950*** *to find your name on Voter List and know your Polling Booth. The line is set up by the Election Commission of India. However, several* ***SOM*** *readers have complained that 1950 is not accessible and whenever they dial, they will get a "line busy" message. Clarifying on this, the election officers have advised the voters to at least try a couple of times to get through the line.***—Ed**

Going to vote? Leave your phones behind

Sir,

With all eyes on upcoming Lok Sabha elections, it may be noted that unlike previous polling, this time mobile phones will not be allowed inside the polling booths and to avoid last minute glitches, it's better if voters either leave their mobiles at home or have their own arrangement to keep their phones either in their vehicles or with someone whom they accompany to have a hassle-free voting.

If a voter has lost or misplaced voter ID card, they can still vote by showing any valid photo identity proof like Aadhaar card, driving licence, passport, etc. Voters may be aware of this and cast their valuable votes for a flourishing Democracy.

—Goutam T. Salecha
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The Karnataka PU College Lectures Welfare Association, in association with the Federation of Karnataka PU College Lecturers and Principals Associations, will be conducting free coaching classes for failed second PU students shortly at Government PU College for Girls, Chamaraja Double Road in city. The last date for registration is Apr.22. For more details on coaching classes, contact Mob: 95352-81466 or 97390-48864, according to a press release from the Association.

Winners of Best Magazine Awards

The Directorate of Student Welfare, University of Mysore (UoM), has announced prizes for the Best Annual Magazine (2017-18) brought out by constituent and affiliated colleges of the University. As per the announcement, MMK &SDM College for Women, Krishnamurthypuram, has bagged the first prize for its magazine titled 'Hamsadhwani', while Maharaja's College has bagged second prize for its magazine titled 'Anantayaatri' and SBRR Mahajana First Grade College, Jayalakshmipuram, has won third prize for its annual magazine 'Mandara.'

Release of children's film 'Nruthyam'

A children's film 'Nruthyam,' enacted by talented children of Mysuru, will be released on Apr.19. Disclosing this at a press meet at Pathrakartara Bhavan in city yesterday, the film producer Praveen Lard said that the movie will be screened at Lakshmi Theatre in city and tickets at discounted price will also be available at 650 Nandini Milk Parlours in city.

Animal adoption continues at Zoo

The following persons have adopted the animals of Mysuru Zoo under 'Adoption of Animals' scheme by paying the adoption fee: B.G. Satish, Ranianagar - Love Bird (Rs.1,000); Karthikeya, Bengaluru - Finch (Rs.1,000); G. Shivaji Rao Jadhav, Mysuru - Love Bird (Rs.1,000); Padmavathi, Bengaluru - Four-horned Antelope (Rs.5,000); Vimarsha Jain, Mangaluru - Leopard Cat (Rs.5,000); Indus Early Learning Centre - RMV Bengaluru - White Peacock & Ring-Tailed Lemur (Rs.8,500); Nikhil P. Koundinya, Mysuru - Great Hornbill (Rs.5,000); R. Sudha, Bengaluru - King Cobra (Rs.3,500); Oopali Bidapa, Bengaluru - Smooth Coated Otter (Rs.5,000), according to a press release from the Zoo Executive Director.

Mysuru-Kodagu LS Constituency has 18,95,056 voters and 2,187 booths

Mysuru, Apr.16 (RK&US)- The District Administrations of Mysuru and Kodagu have made adequate arrangements for the LS elections to be held in the Twin Constituency on Apr.18.

A total of 18,95,056 voters are eligible to exercise their franchise in Mysuru-Kodagu LS Constituency of which 9,50,087 are women, 9,44,819 men and 150 others with women outnumbering men.

The Assembly Segment wise number of voters is: Madikeri - 2,21,359, Virajpet - 2,19,682, Periyapatna - 1,83,717, Hunsur - 2,26,960, Chamundeshwari - 3,02,823, Krishnaraja - 2,43,736, Chamaraja - 2,33,331, Narasimharaja - 2,63,448.

Out of eight Assembly Segments, Chamundeshwari tops in number of voters while Periyapatna has the least number of voters. Women voters out number men in Madikeri, Virajpet, Krishnaraja (KR), Chamaraja and Narasimharaja (NR) Segments.

As per the revision of voters list effected till Mar.29, which was the last day to withdraw nominations, a total of 37,343 new voters have been included in the list.

Mysuru-Kodagu LS Constituency has a population of 24,85,502 including 5,59,445 of

Kodagu district, with 12,48,165 women and 12,37,336 men. Karnataka State has a population of 7,01,65,991 of which 5,03,07,182 would vote which amounts to 71.7% of population. In Mysuru-Kodagu LS Constituency 74.74% of the population are eligible to vote with a break up of 76.72% in NR, 67.1% in Chamaraja, 71.63% in KR, 88.64% in Chamundeshwari, 66.88% in Hunsur, 77.16% in Virajpet and 78.09% in Madikeri.

2,187 Voting Booths

A total of 2,187 Booths have been established in Mysuru-Kodagu LS Constituency. 269 in Madikeri, 274 in Virajpet, 235 in Periyapatna, 274 in Hunsur, 338 in Chamundeshwari, 270 in KR, 245 in Chamaraja and 282 in NR Constituencies.

Each Booth will have an In-charge Officer and 217 Supervisors would monitor the Booths. Each Booth will have ramp and wheelchair for the benefit of disabled and aged. It will also have drinking water, toilet and power connection.

Returning Officers and Poll Observers have inspected the Booths for basic infrastructure and have reported the facilities to the Election Commission.

Mysuru District with 11 Assembly Constituencies has 18,932 physically challenged voters comprising 11,631 men, 7,274 women and 27 others. The district also has 36,163 young voters, who are voting for the first time.

Each Assembly Segment has 15 Sectoral Officers, along with 3 Flying Squads, 5 to 6 Static Surveillance Teams, 3 Videos Surveillance Teams, one Video Monitoring Team, one Accounting Team and one Assistant Expenditure Observer.

Static check-posts, established on all National and State Highways and main roads leading to Mysuru and Kodagu districts, work round-the-clock inspecting passing vehicles.

As the day of elections draws closer, the deputed officials will intensify the surveillance work.

Lok Sabha Polls: Observers for Mysuru-Kodagu

Mysuru, Apr.16 (KS)- In the backdrop of Lok Sabha elections, the following persons will be working as General, Police and Expenditure Observers.

While Kuldeep Narayan is the General Observer, Vikas Patak will be the Police Observer and Sandeep Kumar Mishra and Suraj Kumar Gupta will be working as Expenditure Observers. While Sandeep will take care of Madikeri, Virajpet, Periyapatna and Hunsur segments, Suraj will be in-charge of Chamundeshwari, Krishnaraja, Chamaraja and Narasimharaja segments.

CONTACT NUMBERS

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50% discount for first-time voters, senior couples at city hotels

Mysuru, Apr.16 (PM&NNN)- Hotel Owners' Association trying to increase voter turnouts and create voter awareness among the people has come out with a string of attractions to draw the voters to the Polling Booths by offering them huge discounts.

Narayanagowda

Addressing a press conference at the Pathrakartara Bhavan here yesterday, Mysuru Hotel Owners' Association President C. Narayanagowda said that the Association is making all efforts to see that more and more voters, especially the first time voters who are above the age of 18 cast their votes on Apr.18. All such young voters will be given 50 percent discount on eatables if they show their inked fingers in different hotels in the city, he said.

Similarly, senior citizen couples above the age of 60 who cast their votes on the same day (Apr.18) will also be given 50 percent discount at a few lodges in city for a one day stay, he added.

Those who have booked hotels in advance have been informed that if they have not cast their votes and want to come and check into the hotels, such guests' room bookings will be cancelled, he said.

The owners of the hotels have been asked to sanction leave to the staff of the hotels that come from outside the city to go and cast their votes in their respective places. A shift system will be in place to see that the hotels function normally, he said.

First, second and third prizes will be awarded to the hotels where the maximum number of staff goes to the Polling Booths to vote. The award ceremony will be held on Apr.30, said Narayanagowda.

There are nearly 25,000 employees working in hotels and bakeries and a compulsory voter awareness drive has also been done for them, he added.

Posters and pamphlets were also released on the occasion.

Vice-President C. Harikumar, Hotel Owners Association Charitable Trust President Ravishastri, Hon. Secretary Subramanya R. Tantri and others were present.

Rahul Gandhi to address four public meetings in Kerala today

Thiruvananthapuram, Apr.16 (UNI)- Congress President Rahul Gandhi will address four public meetings covering five southern districts of Kerala as part of election campaign for the April 23 LS Polls today.

Rahul Gandhi

Rahul Gandhi, who reached here in a special flight at 10.45 pm on Monday and stayed overnight at a hotel near Kovalam, will leave for Pathanapuram in Kollam district to campaign for UDF candidate N.K. Premachandran.

He will land at St. Stephen College ground, in Pathanapuram, in a helicopter at 9.15 am and later leave for the public meeting venue. Thereafter, he will leave for Pathanamthitta to address a public meeting as part of the poll campaign for UDF candidate Anto Antony.

After the public meeting in Pathanamthitta, the AICC President will leave for Pala to visit the house of late Kerala Congress (M) leader K.M. Mani and console the bereaved family members.

Being a 13-time MLA, Mani, who had passed away recently, was the longest serving member of Kerala Legislative Assembly.

After a brief halt at Mani's house, Rahul will leave for Alappuzha to campaign for party's candidate Shanimol Usman. He will address a public meeting in Alappuzha Municipal ground at 3 pm.

Later, he will leave for Thiruvananthapuram to attend a public meeting at Central Stadium at 5 pm as part of election campaign for Congress Candidate Shashi Tharoor. After the public meeting, he will meet senior party leaders before leaving for Kannur tonight to attend a series of public meetings in Northern districts of Kerala on Wednesday.

Rahul Gandhi will be accompanied by Senior Congress leaders including Ramesh Chennithala, Oommen Chandy, Mullappally Ramachandran and A.K. Antony.

Farmer killed as power line snaps and falls on him

Mysuru, Apr.16 (MTY&KS)- A farmer, who was working in a sugarcane field, was killed after a live power line snapped and fell on him at Yelegowdanahundi village in the taluk yesterday morning. The deceased farmer is Gavisiddegowda (50), son of late Yelegowda of the village.

Yesterday morning, Gavisiddegowda was working in the sugarcane field of one Mustaj Baij of Rangasamudra, when the overhead live power line snapped and fell on him.

While the two oxen ran for safety, the power line coiled around Gavisiddegowda resulting in him being electrocuted.

Phone calls unanswered at CESC office

As Gavisiddegowda was struggling when the live power line coiled around him, a few farmers who were working in the neighbouring fields immediately called the CESC Sub-Division office at Tumbala to ask them to switch off the power, but none at the CESC office answered their calls. Had the staff at the CESC office received their calls and responded, Gavisiddegowda could have been saved, the

eyewitnesses said.

Meanwhile, residents of neighbouring villages, who rushed to the spot, vented their ire on the CESC staff for their negligence.

Gavisiddegowda leaves behind two sons and two daughters. He used to work as a labourer for a living. The body was handed over to the family members after post-mortem was conducted. Bannur Police have registered a case in this regard.

Fourth incident in two weeks

Yesterday's incident is the fourth such tragedy in a span of two weeks. Four persons had lost their lives, when power lines snapped and fell on them in Mysuru, Chamarajanagar and Kodagu districts.

Villagers have alleged that despite lodging several complaints about sagging power lines in rural places, no action has been taken to rectify the problems. They have urged the CESC officials to take steps before more innocent lives are lost.

Gambling: 11 arrested,

Rs.51,190 stake money seized

Mysuru, Apr.16 (MK&KS)- KR Police have arrested 11 persons on charges of gambling in public place and have seized Rs.51,190 stake money from them.

Acting on a tip off that a group of persons were gambling in public place at Sunnadakeri on Saturday night, KR Inspector Narayanaswamy and staff, raided the spot and arrested the accused. SI Sunil and staff Vishakanta, Ravi, Ramesh, Somanna, Lingaraju and Mahadevanayaka took part in the nabbing and seizing operation.

Mother, daughter commit suicide

Bettadapura, Apr.16 (Shivadev&KS)- Increasing debts has forced a women and her daughter to commit suicide by consuming poison at Echuru village in Periyapatna taluk on Sunday. The deceased are Lolakshi (28) and her daughter Sandhya (10).

Lolakshi, a native of Doddabelalu village had married Suresh of Echuru village 10 years ago. Suresh, who owned two acre land, had taken loans to grow crops.

As the crops failed and unable to repay the loans, Lolakshi, after giving poison to her daughter, consumed the same on Sunday night. The neighbours, who saw the duo writhing in pain, rushed them to K.R. Hospital in Mysuru, where they died yesterday.

Bettadapura Police have registered a case in this regard and the bodies were handed over to the family members after post-mortem was conducted.

Three meet watery grave

Mandya, Apr.16 (Nagaiah&KS)- Three youths, who had gone for a swim at a lake in Mangala village in Mandya yesterday afternoon, have been drowned. The deceased youths are Chandan, Arjun and another youth.

A group of six youths from Halahalli Ashoka Nagar in Mandya had gone to the lake for a swim out of which four youths ventured into the lake for a swim. As the lake was deep following sand mining, three youths were drowned.

Fire and Emergency Service personnel, who rushed to the spot on receiving information, managed to fish out the bodies of Chandan and Arjun and have launched an operation to trace and fish out the body of another with the help of expert swimmers.

Mandya Rural Police have registered a case in this regard.

Obituary

Amruthamma

Mysuru, Apr.16- Amruthamma (83), a resident of Saraswathipuram, passed away on Sunday. She leaves behind three sons, a daughter and a host of relatives and friends. Last rites were performed at Veerashaiva burial grounds in Vidyaranyapuram here yesterday.

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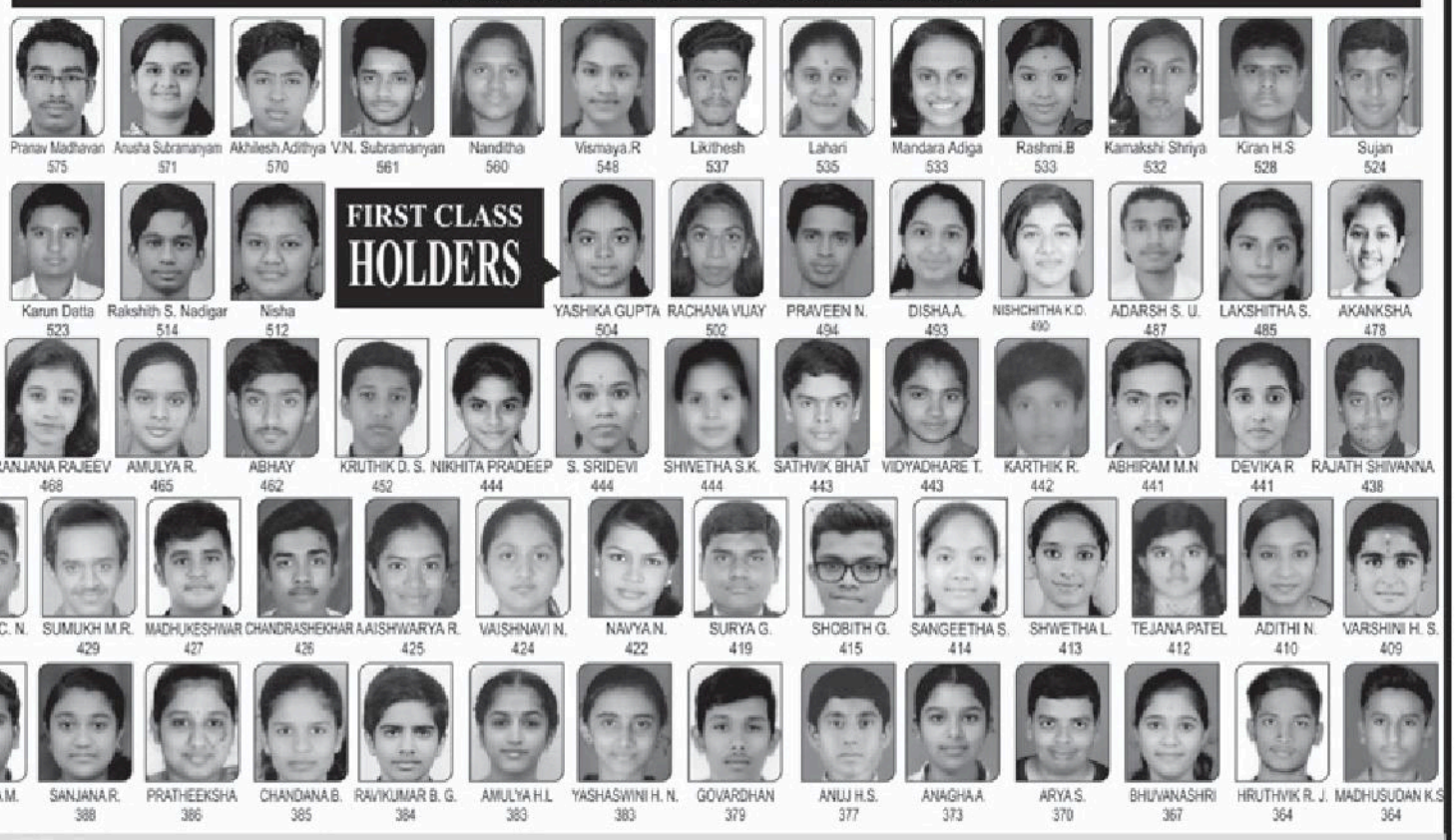

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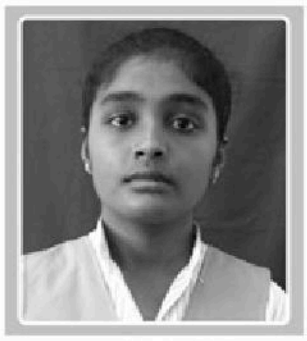

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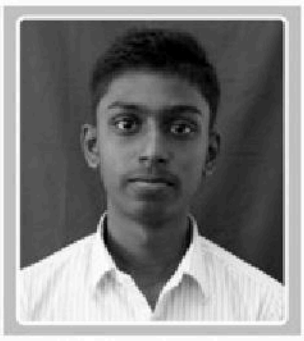

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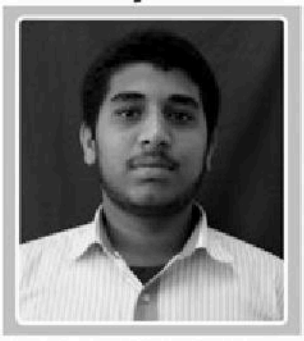

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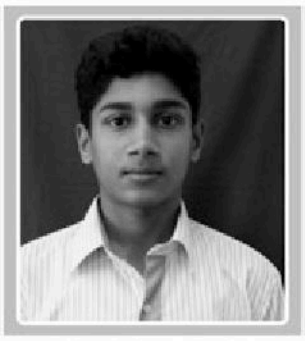

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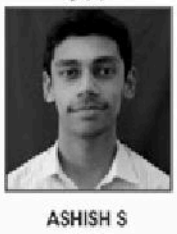

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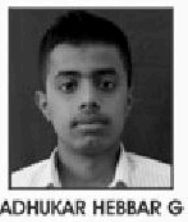

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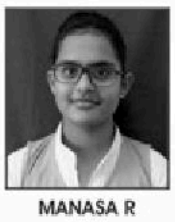

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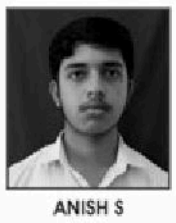

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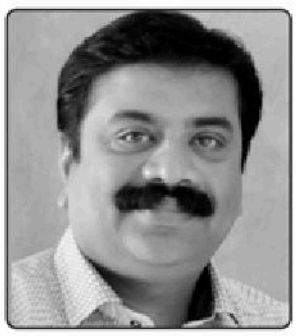
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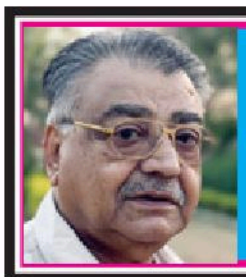


Abracadabra... Abracadabra...

By K.B. Ganapathy

Musings on Shashi Tharoor

and his 'Paradoxical Prime Minister'

"A people that elect corrupt politicians, imposters, thieves and traitors are not victims... but accomplices."— **George Orwell**

Reading books has many advantages to those who have no friends and those who have problem getting sleep. As for me, I have friends and no problem sleeping the moment I hit the sack, exceptions apart. All the same, I continue my old habit of reading books. After all, old habits die hard, it is said. In my early days, novels used to be my preferred reading. But since about 10 years, my interest is in books that are of current affairs, naturally non-fiction. However, when it comes to autobiography, not so much the biography, the book is always suspect, sometimes to the extent the line between fact and fiction are fading. Let it be.

At present, I am reading Congress MP and former Under Secretary-General of the United Nations, who was also the former Minister of State for Human Resource Development (HRD) and Minister of State for External Affairs **Shashi Tharoor's** book titled *"The Paradoxical Prime Minister — Narendra Modi and His India."* So far I have covered just about 100 pages and found the book interesting.

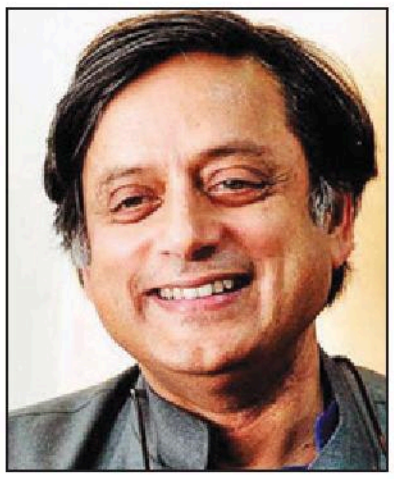
However, every page has a footnote providing the source of information for what is written in the page above. The problem is about the authenticity of the sources and the difficulty in verifying the facts.

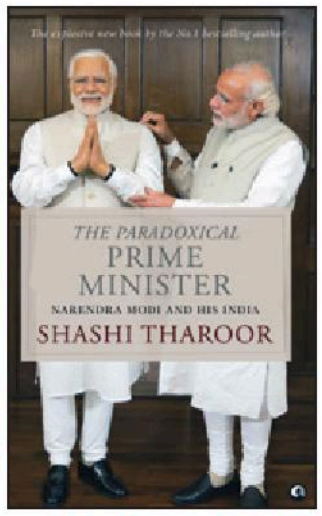
Whatever it may be, Shashi Tharoor should be given credit for writing the book in such a style and language that I would say it is unputdownable. He seems to be the master of current affairs, history and mythology and his ability to relate to the context seems amazing. Indeed, a literary genius, a prolific writer, both of fiction and non-fiction coupled with his ability to speak. No doubt he is a good Parliamentarian too. **How I wish the Congress party would choose him as its Prime Ministerial choice should an expediency arise like when Dr. Manmohan Singh and earlier P.V. Narasimha Rao were chosen.**

Be that as it may, this is the season of India's great celebration of democracy — Parliamentary elections. **There are two issues that an Indian citizen eligible to cast his vote should consider seriously with regard to the election. 1.** He must, as of a religious duty and a social responsibility, exercise his vote no matter how much inconvenience is caused to him. If he fails, he will be responsible for weakening the democracy and thereby he weakens the liberty and freedom of an individual. **2.** In a competitive contest to win, who should be the voters' choice? This becomes a problem these days not because there are too many political parties, but because there are only a very few who deserve to be chosen to represent the people.

This question is haunting every educated and knowledgeable voter, because **he is more concerned with the Prime Ministerial candidate** and least bothered about other candidates.

This cannot be said about the voters who are focused locally and about their personal equations with the candidate based on caste, creed, religion and sadly even money, selling of vote to the highest bidder. **Herein lies the danger of getting a wrong person as the Prime Minister.** In our country this has happened many times. No wonder in the 72 years of our independence, we have had 18 Prime Ministers from the stop-gap ones to the adjustable ones throwing to the winds the interest of the country, lack of pride in believing *"Country First, India First."* I guess, at least this one nationalistic and patriotic ideal we can learn from **Donald Trump,** the President of America, who is never tired of proclaiming *"America First."*





Author Shashi Tharoor

How I wish the Congress would choose Shashi Tharoor as its Prime Ministerial choice should an expediency arise like when Dr. Manmohan Singh and earlier P.V. Narasimha Rao were chosen.

Here I remember the defining words of George Orwell, author of the book *'1984'* about people who elect corrupt politicians to public office. To use his exact words, let me quote him:

"A people that elect corrupt politicians, imposters, thieves and traitors are not victims... but accomplices."

He means to say that these voters are accomplices in the crimes these corrupt politicians commit once they get elected. Therefore, it is important in a national election like the Parliamentary election, whether to bring the proven corrupt politicians or the ones who, following Donald Trump's example, would say *"India First."*

This sentiment should be there for whoever becomes the Prime Minister because that is the only way one can protect the country and its people. Which is the very reason why the Englishman says with his head held high and with no apologies *"Right or Wrong, My Country!"* **He will not compromise the interest of the country either in the interest of Secularism or Socialism like it has been happening in India in the past.**

It is in this context, I would like to share just two episodes narrated in the book on Page 20 and 21 relating to Prime Minister Modi. In one episode, Shashi Tharoor thought he could inveigle Modi easily by using his position in the Government as a Minister.

It appears, Shashi Tharoor happened to meet the then Chief Minister of Gujarat Narendra Modi at a function of *Pravasi Bharatiya Divas* in Chennai in January 2009. Shashi Tharoor, who was not in politics then, had asked Modi about the 2002 riots and Modi's role in them. **Modi plainly said he did what he could do by calling in the Army when the Police proved inadequate.**

Shashi Tharoor then asked how were the Muslims in Gujarat faring. Modi in his own style said that the same question was asked by some very important people from Delhi (assumed to be the Sachar Committee appointed by the UPA Government to report on the conditions of Indian Muslims.)

They said to Modi, *"We hear you have done nothing for Muslims in Gujarat."* For this, Modi replied, *"Sit down and please write this. You are right. I have done nothing for Muslims in Gujarat."* Modi then added, *"Write this also. I have done nothing for Hindus in Gujarat either."* Shashi Tharoor says that at this point, Modi paused for dramatic effect and then continued, *"I have done nothing for Muslims and Hindus. I have only worked for Gujaratis."*

Now let me come to the second episode. Later in the year, when Shashi Tharoor became the Minister of State for External Affairs, he was in United Arab Emirates (UAE) on an official visit. His task was to urge UAE to invest in India. A UAE company (Dubai Ports World) had acquired the British P&O (Shipping and Ports) and as a result takes over all the P&Os' existing contracts to manage ports around the world. In India, the UAE company had no problem in converting the existing contracts in three Indian States. **But in Gujarat, they got stuck.** Therefore, UAE sought Shashi Tharoor's help.

In great aplomb, Shashi Tharoor telephoned the Chief Minister of Gujarat Narendra Modi and mentioned of the problem. Shashi Tharoor says that Modi's answer was chillingly blunt. He said, *"A company controlled by an Arab country could not run a Gujarati Port."* He told Tharoor in the same breath, *"You want these UAE people to invest in India. Tell them to come to Gujarat, I will give them land, 24x7 electricity, good roads, all the co-operation they want. But I won't let them run the Port in Gujarat."* **Modi told Tharoor in a very adamant manner that allowing UAE to maintain the Port would be detrimental to India's national interest. Unfortunately, the other three Chief Ministers did not think so!**

According to Modi, it simply means *"India First." "Right or Wrong, My Country."*

Here I am reminded of the 1962 China War, where India was defeated in a humiliating way. **At that time, Nehru was gloating over the Non-Aligned foreign policy.** He and his few Communist and Muslim countries had come together with a foreign policy known as **Non-Alignment** to checkmate the influence of America in the internal affairs of these countries. Nehru was a hero for these Non-Aligned countries. **But what did they do to Nehru?** In 1962 China War, none of these Non-Aligned countries, including Egypt, came to India's help. Paradoxically, it was America which came to Nehru's rescue and saved India.

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Ilizarov fixation workshop at K.R. Hospital, experts feted

Sitting from left: ***Prof. Quin Sihe, Prof. Zhang Jiancheng and Dr. Wei Zhong, who were felicitated at K.R. Hospital in city recently, seen with*** *(standing from left)* ***Dr. G.R. Arun, Dr. Neelagowda V. Patil, Dr. Puttaswamy, Dr. G. Marulasiddappa, Dr. H.P. Shobha, Dr. Mruthyunjaya, Dr. C.P. Nanjaraj and Dr. Manjunath.***

Mysuru, Apr. 16 (KS) - A live Ilizarov fixation workshop was conducted for the first time at K.R. Hospital in city recently.

Experts in the art of deformity correction from China performed free surgeries at the hospital which was viewed by orthopaedicians from across the State.

The Ilizarov apparatus is a type of external fixation used in orthopaedic surgery to lengthen or reshape limb bones; as a limb-sparing technique to treat complex and/or open bone fractures; and in cases of infected non-unions of bones that are not amenable with other techniques.

The experts, who performed free surgeries are Prof. Quin Sihe, Secretary General of Chinese Limb Reconstruction and External Fixation Society, NRRA Hospital, Beijing, Prof. Zhang Jiancheng, Qinsihe Orthopaedics Department, National Research Centre for Rehabilitation Technical Aids, NRRA Hospital, Beijing and Dr. Wei Zhong, MD and President of Orthopaedic Department of affiliated Hospital of Weifang Medical University. They were assisted by Dr. G.R. Arun, Assistant Professor, Department of Orthopaedics, Mysore Medical College and Research Institute (MMC&RI), Dr. Neelagowda V. Patil, Prof. and HoD of Orthopaedics, MMC&RI, Dr. Puttaswamy, Prof. and HoD of Orthopaedics, Chamarajanagar Medical College, Dr. G. Marulasiddappa, Professor, Department of Orthopaedics, MMC&RI, Dr. H.P. Shobha, Associate Professor, Department of Orthopaedics, MMC&RI, Dr. Mruthyunjaya, Prof. and HoD of Orthopaedics, JSS Medical College, Mysuru, Dr. C.P. Nanjaraj, Dean and Director of MMC&RI and Dr. Manjunath, Prof. and HoD of Anaesthesia, MMC&RI.

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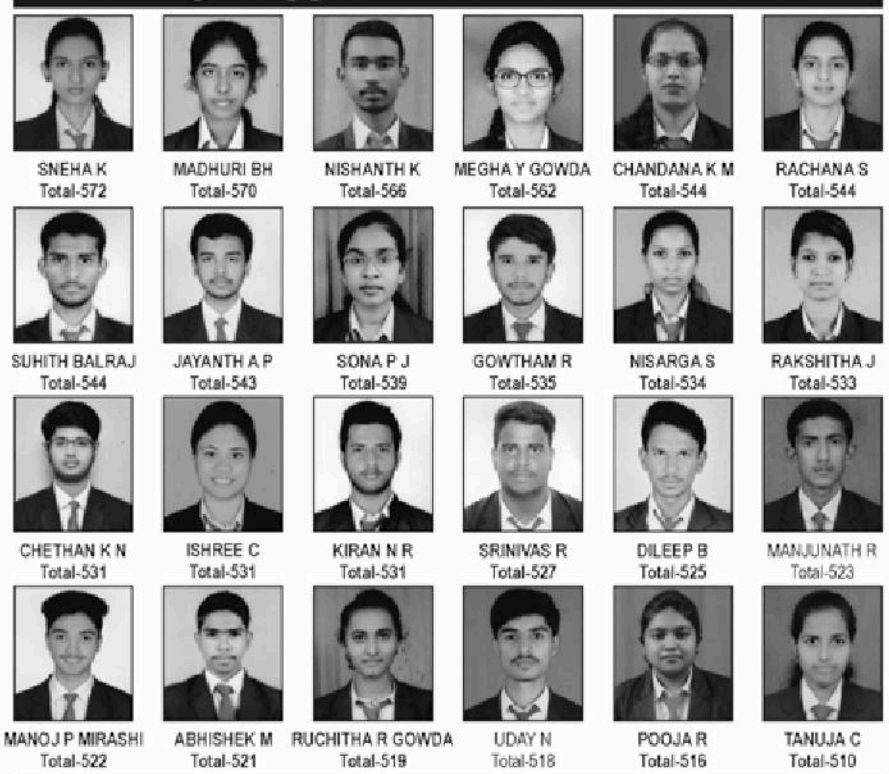

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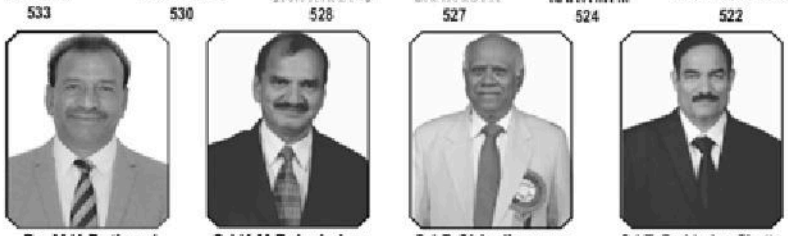
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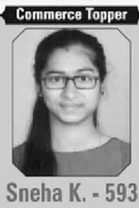

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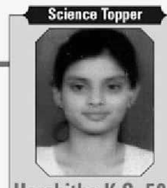

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Lies, cash, liquor and elections

Point of VIEW

T.J.S. George

Winston Churchill told us that it wasn't polite to refer to lies as lies, that we should be cultured enough to call them terminological inexactitudes. But such phraseological definitudes do not apply to party manifestos in India's hit-and-run democracy. BJP Spokesmen call Congress manifesto a pack of lies and Congressmen describe BJP manifesto as a field of falsities. Both are right. The only question is: Will a double dose of lies trick the Indian voter?

Perhaps the question underestimates the voter. A national survey saw 41 percent of our voters admitting that their votes were influenced by distribution of cash and liquor. That points to two virtues of the Indian voter. First, his honesty; he won't cheat the suppliers of cash and liquor. Secondly, he doesn't pay attention to the lies the parties tell. Knowing that they are lies, he pays attention only to things that are tangible, physical and consumable.

The voters' honesty also highlights the importance of money. To ensure that the 41 percent voters do their duty, small change won't do. You need cash in gunny bags, almirahs, canvas containers, godowns. Hence the hundreds of crores that are being unearthed by I-T raiders. If you haven't noticed already, all the raids have been in the homes of Opposition leaders and their associates. No BJP leader has been raided because no BJP leader would handle black money. They are patriots, *desh bhakts*.

Such being the ground realities, it may not be necessary to attach too much importance to a party manifesto. Obviously the BJP doesn't, for it did not even pay attention to proof-reading. The result was that BJP manifesto declared that it would make provisions in the law to "commit crimes against women." Or may be, it wasn't a proofing error; may be the *karya kartas* were merely saying what they were trained to say. As a concession, however, they corrected the manifesto statement to make women feel a little better.

The twin manifestos proved once again that all parties seek refuge in populism. Each party felt free to simply give away cash. The BJP's PM Kisan Yojana was estimated to cost Rs. 2 trillion, while the Congress' minimum basic income scheme's cost was put at Rs. 3.6 trillion. Basically these are freebies. Where will the money come from and how bad will be the impact on the economy?

The real difference between the two manifestos is that the Congress aims at the poor while the BJP aims at firing up nationalistic fervour. The Congress wants to ensure Rs. 72,000 every year to 20 percent households that come under the poorest-of-the-poor category. The economic thinking behind this has won a measure of appreciation from professional planners despite its essentially populist nature. Their argument is that the Congress plan is doable without causing significant upsets in the overall economy.

In contrast, the BJP manifesto emphasises security, defence build-up, anti-terrorist preparations and even a global programme for promoting yoga. Clearly the BJP is trying to cash in on the Balakot strike, a point the Prime Minister made obvious when he asked the youth to vote for India's defence forces. "As if the army belongs to him," said Mamata Banerjee. More significantly, former Defence Chiefs and civil servants publicly protested against pushing the army into politics. The PM's statements were in violation of the code, but there has been no action.

The BJP manifesto makes no effort to soften its hardline approach to issues it has already made combustible. Its inflexibility over Jammu & Kashmir and over the North East States continues to make things worse in both areas. Ignoring India's multicultural essence, the BJP is out to "mainstream" all stakeholders into its ideological straitjacket. Only the use of force can push such a policy forward and the consequences of using force for such divisive ends could be catastrophic.

The BJP is led by shrewd men. That they approach the elections without making any concessions to any group shows that they want things to go their way, no arguments please. Amit Shah misses no opportunity to maul the Congress. Noticing that the Congress' Kerala ally, the Muslim League, was among those who cheered Rahul Gandhi when he filed his nomination from Wayanad, Shah said he couldn't make out whether Rahul was in India or Pakistan. Imran Khan heard that in Rawalpindi and came to Amit Shah's support. He said a BJP victory in the election would be welcome as it would lead to "some kind of settlement in Kashmir." With Pakistan backing BJP, victory is assured.

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BJP candidate Pratap Simha conducts last minute canvassing in N.R. segment

Mysuru-Kodagu LS Constituency BJP candidate Pratap Simha conducting a road show at NR segment this morning. He was accompanied by City BJP President Dr. B.H. Manjunath, party leaders B.P. Manjunath and others.

Mysuru, Apr.16 (RKB&SR)- Mysuru-Kodagu Lok Sabha Constituency BJP candidate Pratap Simha conducted a brisk and last minute campaign at various areas of Narasimharaja segment in city this morning.

Accompanied by City BJP President Dr. B.H. Manjunath, party leaders B. P. Manjunath, S. Murali, former Mayor Sandesh Swamy and other leaders, Pratap Simha began the road show from Teresian College gate on Bannur-Mysuru Road.

Hundreds of youth took out a bike rally on various streets of N.R. segment seeking votes for their party candidate and urging the voters to elect Pratap Simha to make Narendra Modi the Prime Minister again.

He conducted the road shows at Raghavendranagar, Bannur Road, Vidyanagar, Giriya Bhovi Palya, Bannur Road, Yeraganahalli, Ghousianagar, Gayathripuram, Jyothinagar, Kyathamaranahalli and surrounding areas.

Handbills highlighting the achievements of Prime Minister Modi and programmes initiated by sitting MP Pratap Simha in the last five years were distributed door-to-door by BJP workers during the campaign.

MANDYA: POLL ANALYSIS

Nail-biting climax on cards in Sugar Bowl

Sumalatha

Nikhil

Mandya, Apr. 16 (UNI)- Mandya Lok Sabha Constituency in Karnataka, known as the sugar bowl of the State, is witnessing a high-voltage poll battle between the JD(S)-Congress coalition candidate Nikhil Kumaraswamy and independent candidate Sumalatha Ambarish.

With young cinema actor Nikhil (son of Chief Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy) contesting as JD(S) candidate and senior actress Sumalatha (wife of late actor-turned-politician Ambarish) fighting it out in a neck-and-neck race, the battle lines have been drawn and a nail-biting climax is on the cards.

Fate of coalition Government

It is a high-stakes battle for Kumaraswamy as a loss to his son would mean that his post as Chief Minister may get a jolt and even result in the wobbling coalition Government's fall. The BJP, which is giving outside support to Sumalatha, says that the result which is in her favour may lead to the fall of the coalition Government post May 23 counting of votes.

Comprising eight Assembly segments — Malavalli, Maddur, Melukote, Mandya, Srirangapatna, Nagamangala and K.R. Pet in Mandya district and Krishnarajanagar (KR) in Mysuru district — the Mandya Lok Sabha Constituency is considered a safe seat for the JD-S as it had won all the eight seats in the 2018 Assembly polls.

Keenly watched Constituency

But the equation is not the same in this bitterly fought battle as LS polls is a different ball game. Mandya is also the home district of the former Chief Minister S.M. Krishna, now a BJP leader — that is the reason why the electoral battle in the Constituency is being keenly watched.

While Nikhil, the third generation member of H.D. Deve Gowda (JD-S supremo and former PM) family, is banking heavily on the name of his father Kumaraswamy, Sumalatha hopes to ride on the sympathy wave following the demise of Ambarish in November last year. As per the seat-sharing deal between the coalition partners — JD(S) and Congress, the Mandya seat went to JD(S).

Ambarish factor

Mandya is a stronghold of JD(S), which had won the LS seat during 2014 and the by-election after sitting Member of Parliament C.S. Puttaraju was elected to the Assembly and became a Minister in Kumaraswamy Cabinet in 2018. Ambarish, a native of Doddarasinakere in Maddur, has a large fan following in the district. His popularity as a film actor earned him a big fan following and Sumalatha is banking on the fans and followers of Ambarish to see her through.

Kumaraswamy clout

As far as Nikhil is concerned, the plus point for him is that he is the son of the CM and has the full support of all the eight MLAs falling under the LS segment, who all happen to be JD(S) Legislators. However, reluctance among Congress cadre to support him as the two parties remained bitter rivals until a few months ago may cause a flutter. Kumaraswamy had also announced many doles for Mandya in the Budget presented by him in February last, which Nikhil hopes will be advantageous for him.

KEY TAKEAWAYS

- Neck-and-neck race between Nikhil Kumaraswamy and Sumalatha Ambarish
- High-stakes battle for H.D. Kumaraswamy as a loss might cause Coalition Government's fall
- Nikhil banking heavily on the name of his father Kumaraswamy
- Sumalatha hopes to ride on the sympathy wave following Ambarish's death
- Nikhil's plus point is that he has the full support of all the eight JD(S) MLAs
- What can work for Sumalatha is Ambarish's popularity and public sentiment
- Lack of support from local Congress leaders might be detrimental to Nikhil

Kumaraswamy extensively canvassed for his son and is virtually camping in the district. However, the crisis continued with their coalition partners (Congress leaders) in the district refusing to campaign for JD(S) nominee. This had resulted in as many as seven Block Congress Presidents being suspended from the party. This may hurt JD(S) as a whole.

Stemming disgruntlement

The leaders of coalition partners, however, tried desperately to make amends and stem the disgruntlement by jointly campaigning with Deve Gowda and former Chief Minister and Coordination Committee Chairman Siddharamaiah. It remains to be seen whether the two parties will be able to pull off a result in favour of JD(S) as Sumalatha is gaining ground and receiving huge support from the voters.

The coalition partners also roped in AICC President Rahul Gandhi to an election rally at K.R. Nagar to bring down the dissident activities. Making a strong point, Rahul warned the Congress workers to support the coalition candidate not only in Mandya but also all other JD(S) candidates including Deve Gowda and his another grandson Prajwal Revanna in Hassan. He also asked the JD(S) workers to strive for the success of the Congress candidates and follow the 'Coalition Dharma.'

River Cauvery drives the local economy of Mandya that produces sugarcane and jaggery.

BJP backing

Although Sumalatha has the backing of the film industry, she has drawbacks too and one of them is that she is contesting as an independent and not as a candidate of the Congress, which her late husband was associated with for long. But Sumalatha has the backing of BJP State Unit President B.S. Yeddyurappa, who also hails from the district and Prime Minister Narendra Modi himself speaking kindly about the contributions made by Ambarish.

The election campaign has witnessed a battle of attrition with leaders of JD(S) including Kumaraswamy hitting out at Sumalatha. His brother and PWD Minister Revanna was more scathing in his attack saying that why she should have contested an election within months of the demise of her husband. This statement was condemned across the political spectrum.

Outsider tag

The tag that he is an outsider and has no political experience, the controversial statements by JD(S) leaders against Sumalatha, may prove to be a hindrance for Nikhil, who is heavily banking on his father's image and support from local JD(S) leaders.

Mandya district is considered the 'heartland of Vokkaligas.' However, it is a fact that people from Other Backward Classes (OBC), Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and minority communities will decide the fate of the candidates. Vokkaligas command around 35 to 38 per cent of votes in Mandya. The agriculture and horticulture sector are ridden with problems in the Constituency. Paddy, sugarcane, tobacco and coconut are major crops in the region.

18 elections since 1952

This Constituency has witnessed 18 elections since 1952 in which Congress candidates have won 13 times. M.K. Shivananjappa (Congress – 1952, 1957, 1962 and 1967), S.M. Krishna (from the Praja Socialist Party in 1968 and from the Congress in 1971 and 1980), K. Chikkalingaiah (Congress – 1972 and 1979), K.V. Shankaregowda (Janata Party – 1984), G. Made Gowda (Congress – 1989 and 1991), former Speaker Krishna (Janata Dal – 1996), M.H. Ambarish (from the Janata Dal in 1998, and from the Congress in 1999 and 2004), N. Cheluvarayaswamy (JD(S) – 2009) and Ramya (Congress – 2013) have won here.

After an interesting battle in the 2013 by-election, actor-turned-politician Ramya contested from the Congress and Puttaraju from JD(S). Ramya had defeated Puttaraju by 67,611 votes in 2013. However, Puttaraju won the 2014 elections by defeating Ramya with a small margin. Mandya district, though a Vokkaliga heartland, the OBCs, SC/ST and minority voters may ultimately decide the result this time.

Confidence-building measures in Mysuru, Hunsur

Mounted Police personnel on a Route March in Mysuru city yesterday. Picture right shows State Police along with BSF personnel taking out a route march in Hunsur yesterday.

Mysuru, Apr.16 (US)- To build confidence among voters and to warn anti-social elements, the City Police, under the leadership of DCP (Law and Order) M. Muthuraj, conducted Route March yesterday and today.

The areas covered are NR, Mandi, Udayagiri, Vijayanagar, Ashokapuram, Vidyaranyapuram and Kuvempunagar Police limits.

Apart from the jurisdictional Policemen, personal attached to the Commando Force, Mounted Police, Central Armed Police Force, City Armed Reserve Police and patrol vehicles like Cheetah, Garuda, Interceptor were also included in the Route March.

At Hunsur

The State Police, assisted by personnel of Border Security Force (BSF), took out a Route March in the town yesterday to instil confidence among voters and ensure a smooth polling on LS elections day.

The Route March was led by Circle Inspector Shivakumar, BSF Inspector Sangeetha Raj, Town Police SI Mahesh and Rural Police SI Shivaprasad.

Cops conduct surprise raid at jail

Mysuru, Apr.16- The City Police Commissionerate yesterday conducted a surprise raid at Mysuru Central Jail ahead of the forthcoming LS elections.

A team of Police Commissionerate conducted the raid from 1 pm to 2.30 pm. Over 175 officers and staff from Police Stations were in the 17 raiding teams formed under the leadership of DCP (L&O) M. Muthuraj. The raid was conducted following the directive of City Police Commissioner K.T. Balakrishna.

The Police team raided the prison to seize unauthorised items available with the jail inmates like mobile phones through which the prisoners can influence the voters by asking or threatening people to vote for a particular candidate. Searches were also conducted for weapons, drugs and cash.

Cash of Rs.1,900 was seized from the inmates and a probe will be launched to find the source of the money. The raid was conducted as per the guidelines issued by the Election Commission of India after the Poll Code of Conduct came into force.

Police teams visited every ward and other places in the jail premises. However, they did not find any illegal and unauthorised items from the jail. All security measures are in place and public can exercise their franchise in a fearless manner, the Commissioner said.

'Support ingenious coalition candidate Vijayashankar'

KPCC President Dinesh Gundu Rao to Brahmin community

KPCC President Dinesh Gundu Rao addressing a meeting of Brahmins at a private hotel in city yesterday.

Mysuru, Apr.16 (YDS&NNN)- Though Mysuru-Kodgau LS constituency Congress-JD(S) coalition candidate C.H. Vijayashankar is not a Brahmin, he is a Brahmin because of his qualities. Everyone should support an ingenious personality like him in this election, said Karnataka Pradesh Congress Committee (KPCC) President Dinesh Gundu Rao.

He was addressing the meeting of Brahmins at a private hotel in Chamundipuram here yesterday and said that there is a feeling that if one is a Brahmin one would vote only for BJP. But to say that Brahmins are confined to BJP is not true as they look at the candidate in the fray and vote accordingly. Hence, in this election our community will play a decisive role and vote for a simple, sincere, honest candidate like Vijayashankar who has the interest of the society at heart, he said.

"However, there is nothing to talk about the personality of the opposition BJP candidate. He does not behave like an MP should behave. He has not worked towards bringing all the communities together. Hence, Vijayashankar is bound to win this time," he said expressing confidence.

Brahmins are reflected as BJP's vote banks. However, in the Congress the Speaker, Revenue Minister, KPCC President are all from Brahmin community. What more a party needs to do, he asked.

"When I was a Minister, I had placed a demand before the then Chief Minister Siddharamaiah for a Brahmin Development Corporation. However, the elections were announced at the same time. Now the coalition Government has given Rs.25 crore to Brahmin Development Corporation and I have sent a proposal for Rs.100 crore," he said.

"A country cannot be built by polarising the minds of the people and society. When top leaders ask people who do not vote for BJP to go to Pakistan, then it is nothing but giving a call to divide the society. This should never be done. The people of all communities must be brought together. And our society has this strength," said Gundu Rao.

City Congress President R. Murthy, Rural Congress Committee President Dr. B.J. Vijaykumar, senior Vipra leader K. Raghuram, advocate Veena, leaders Ajay Shastri, Krishna, Lokesh, Raghu, Prakash Kumar and others were present during the meeting.

Muslims too will support BJP this time: Ex-Mayor

Mysuru, Apr.16 (PM&DM)- Asserting that many Muslims in NR Assembly segment will vote for the BJP in the LS Polls, former Mayor Sandesh Swamy has said that a history of sorts will be created as NR Assembly segment will back the BJP this time.

Addressing a meeting of BJP workers at Huliyamma Tent Circle, Kyathamaranahalli here on Monday, Swamy said that PM Modi had worked for the betterment of all sections of the society.

Maintaining that Modi focussed on the nation's security, equality and welfare of the people, he said that Modi must be credited for upholding the country's pride at the global level.

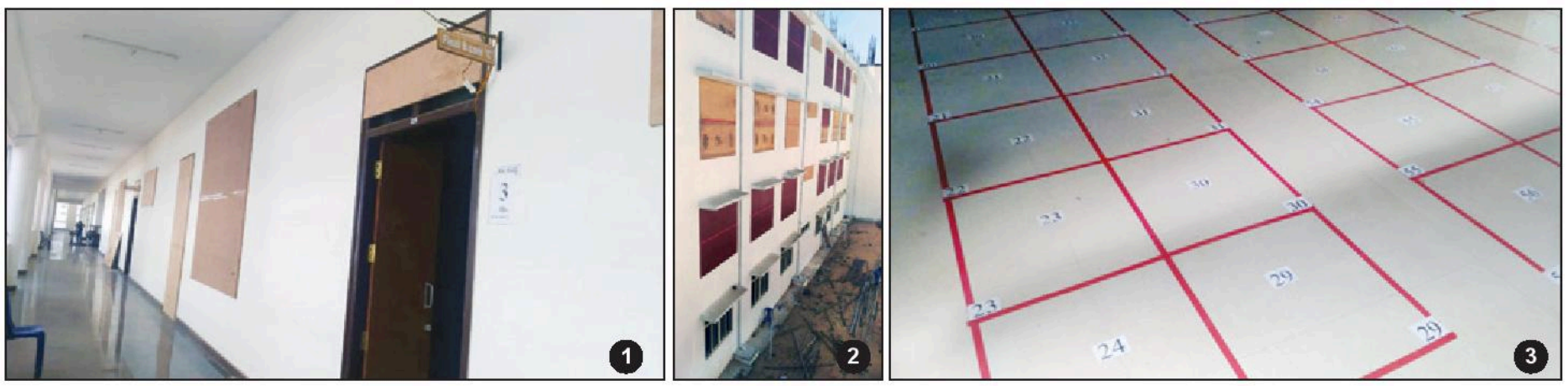
Lashing out at the opposition parties for branding BJP as a communal party, he said that the people can understand the hypocrisy of opposition leaders.

Maintaining that Dalits, Minorities and Backward Classes were backing BJP this time as they considered BJP as their only hope, Swamy said that Modi was working strenuously for the welfare of all sections of the society while focussing on the poor and the underprivileged.

Listing out the achievements of Modi, Swamy appealed the workers to ensure big voter turnout in the LS Polls.

BJP leaders S. Murali, Giridhar, Narasimha, Manju, Yashaswini Somashekar, former KEA Cahirman B.P. Manjunath and others were present.

LS polls: Arrangements in full swing at Counting Centre



Pics. 1 & 2: ***The doors and windows of the strong rooms at Maharani's College of Commerce and Management in Vinayakanagar, which is the Counting Centre for Mysuru-Kodagu LS seat, sealed by the polling staff.*** *Pic.3:* ***The floor at the Counting Centre numbered to place the EVMs and VVPATs of the respective booths.***

(Continued from page 1)

All outsiders have been asked to leave the Constituency by 6 pm today, according to Abhiram G. Sankar, who is also the District Electoral Officer.

All the EVMs of Mysuru-Kodagu LS Constituency will be stored at Maharani's College of Commerce and Management building on Valmiki Road, Paduvarahalli (Vinayakanagar) in city, where the counting of votes will take place on May 23. The EVMs from all the 2,187 polling booths in the Constituency will be brought to the Centre after the voting ends at 6 pm on Apr. 18.

The EVMs will be kept in the ground, first and second floors of the building as per their markings. The Counting Centre has been provided a 3-tier security and will be guarded round-the-clock till May 23 by Central Armed Police Forces, City Armed Reserve and City Police.

Mustering tomorrow

The mustering will take place tomorrow morning (8 am) at all the 8 centres in the Constituency. The mustering for Madikeri Assembly segment will take place at St. Joseph's Convent, Madikeri; for Virajpet at Govt. Junior College, Virajpet; for Periyapatna at Pushpa Convent, Periyapatna; for Hunsur at Devaraj Urs First Grade College, Hunsur; for Chamundeshwari at Maharani's College of Arts for Women on JLB Road in city; for K.R. segment at Maharaja's College Centenary Hall; for Chamaraja at Baden Powell Public School and for N.R. at JSS College on Ooty Road.

400 buses for poll duty

The District Administration has sought over 400 buses from KSRTC for ferrying poll personnel to their respective booths along with EVMs after mustering tomorrow and to bring them back to the Counting Centre at Maharani's College of Commerce and Management where EVMs will be stored after de-mustering.

As a security measure, the poll authorities have sealed all windows and doors of the rooms in the college building where the EVMs will be stored as per their marking. After de-mustering that takes place on the night of Apr. 18 after conclusion of the voting, all the rooms will be sealed for ensuring fool-proof security. The seal will be opened only on the morning of May 23 when the counting will be taken up.

Even as the KSRTC has lent 400 buses for poll logistics, the KSRTC authorities in Mysuru said that additional buses will be operated tomorrow (Apr. 17) and the day after (Apr. 18) on the routes wherever required in order to meet passenger demands.

The polling will be held from 7 am to 6 pm on Apr. 18. There are 18.95 lakh voters in Mysuru-Kodagu LS seat, who will decide the fate of sitting MP and BJP candidate Pratap Simha, coalition candidate C.H. Vijayashankar of the Congress, B. Chandra of the BSP and 19 other candidates who are in the fray.

MBA classes shifted

With the poll authorities taking over the Maharani's College to store EVMs, the College authorities have shifted the ongoing MBA classes to the hostel building nearby. The first year MBA classes will be conducted from the hostel building from Apr. 22 to May 25, it is learnt.

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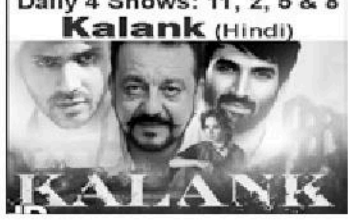

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We wish to specially thank and respect all esteemed members of the Brahmagiri Sangha, Nellakki Sangha; Bhagavathi Association; Kodava Samaja Mysuru and Kodava Samaja Sports Club; Professional Colleagues, TEAM 12, Friends, Well wishers and all our Relatives.

Your being with us will be remembered forever. We will have a SHANTHI POOJA at ISKCON, Mysuru on the 17th April 2019 to pray for the divine soul to Rest in eternal Peace.

—Kodandera Harish, Mukesh and Family

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Mysuru LS seat is a Congress bastion

CLP leader and former Chief Minister Siddharamaiah interacting with media at Pathrakartara Bhavan in city this morning as MDJA President C.K. Mahendra looks on.

Mysuru, Apr.16 (MTY&DM)- Asserting that the coalition candidates will win more than 20 out of the 28 LS seats in the State, Congress Legislature Party (CLP) leader and former CM Siddharamaiah has said, Congress-JD(S) entered into a Poll pact in order to defeat BJP.

Speaking at an interaction meet at Pathrakartara Bhavan here organised by Mysuru District Journalists Association (MDJA) this morning, Siddharamaiah said that Congress demanded the Mysuru-Kodagu LS seat from JD(S) as it had won 13 out of 16 times from here.

Dismissing reports that he was adamant on Congress getting the Mysuru LS seat, while ceding Tumakuru seat to JD(S), Siddharamaiah defended his party's claim for the seat as it was a Congress bastion where JD(S) had failed to win even once.

Accusing Modi of harping only on emotional issues while ignoring to touch upon the burning issues that the country was facing, the CLP leader mocked the PM for using the Army's valour in poll campaigns across the country.

Stating that India carried out 16 Surgical Strikes on Pakistan and four wars against it post-independence, Siddharamaiah said that the then Prime Ministers of the country did not harp on the attacks of Paksitan as Modi has been doing now.

> **"Congress demanded the Mysuru-Kodagu Lok Sabha seat from JD(S) as it had won 13 out of 16 times. I was not adamant on Congress getting the Mysuru LS seat and ceding Tumakuru seat to JD(S). However, the grand-old party claimed the Mysuru seat as it was a Congress bastion where JD(S) had failed to win even once."**
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Alleging that under Modi, the Intelligence Agencies had failed to issue alerts on the recent Pulwama attack, Siddharamaiah ridiculed Modi for taking credit for Army's Surgical Strike on Pakistan post the Pulwama attack.

Replying to a query on Ram Mandir issue, he said that BJP will take up Ayodhya issue only during Polls for electoral benefits. Pointing out that Modi was in power for the past 5 years and earlier, Vajpayee headed the NDA Government for 6 years from 1998 to 2004, the former CM wondered what was BJP doing when its party was in power at the Centre for so many years.

Referring to Lokpal, Siddu said that the Centre has appointed Lokpal only recently after the Supreme Court ruling, which clearly explains that the BJP was not interested in rooting out corruption.

Ridiculing Modi for claiming himself to be the 'Chowkidar of the Nation,' Siddharamaiah said that the PM was a Chowkidar only for the rich and not Dalits, the poor and other oppressed sections of the society. Wondering where all Modi's promise of generating two crore jobs every year had gone, Siddharamaiah said that Modi's promises were nothing but a bunch of lies.

Stating that Modi's promise of 'Achhe Din' never came, he claimed that the prices of essential commodities had soared in the past 5 years and the common man was finding it hard to lead a decent living.

Maintaining that the demonetisation was an utter failure, he said that although RBI had announced that 99.99% of the banned currency had returned to RBI following demonetisation, it had failed to give an account of the quantum of black money traced, which shows that demonetisation was a failure.

Alleging that the Modi Government had failed to bring back black money stashed abroad, as promised, Siddu said that the GDP growth had fallen due to the BJP Government's policies.

Replying to a question on I-T raids, Siddu lashed out at the I-T and ED for targeting only Congress and JD(S) leaders. He questioned why the I-T and other agencies had not acted against any leaders of the BJP, which had made attempts to poach Congress MLAs by offering them huge sums of money.

Accusing I-T and ED of acting under Modi's instructions, he said, though he was not against raids on tax evaders, he would strongly condemn selective raids targeting only Opposition leaders.

Maintaining that this joint campaign with JD(S) Supremo H.D. Deve Gowda and District Minister G.T. Devegowda would certainly help the Congress candidate in Mysuru-Kodagu LS seat, the CLP leader reiterated that he was sure of coalition candidate's victory from Mysuru.

BJP will benefit from coalition's lack of dharma

Mysuru, Apr.16 (MTY&NNN)- BJP is bound to benefit from the lack of coalition dharma among the Congress-JD(S) that has come together with the one point agenda of defeating Prime Minister Narendra Modi, said Chamarajanagar Lok Sabha BJP candidate V. Sreenivasa Prasad.

He was addressing the media at an interaction session organised by MDJA at Pathrakartara Bhavan here this morning and said, the victory of his party and his own is assured due to lack of understanding among the coalition partners.

Stressing why he was forced to contest in the LS elections though he had announced political sanyas from electoral participation but had said that he would be involved only in active politics, Prasad said that it was only due to the pressure from the party workers, his fans and well-wishers that he was forced to reverse his decision.

"I was very clear that I would not contest elections anymore and this decision I took after losing the by-elections in Nanjangud. I just went into retirement after that as I was both physically and mentally tired. But when people from every nook and corner of Chamarajanagar came to my house and forced me to participate I could not disappoint my voters and hence, decided to return to contest," he said.

> **"The main reason for contesting was 'Modi Wave' in this election and his charisma and BJP State President B.S. Yeddyurappa's insistence. The confidence of my 46-year-long political career apart from the experience as a Union Minister, Karnataka Minister and also fighting nine Lok Sabha elections, winning five and participating in 13 elections all put together is what made me contest again."**
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According to Prasad, the last five years of BJP rule showed how a stable Government can work and hence, people were clear that they wanted a stable Government and not a coalition of parties and people at the Centre. As far as the issues of communal and divisive politics were concerned, these issues came up only during the elections and not at other times. Even then in 2014 elections, BJP romped home 283 seats and if it was communal, how could it garner maximum votes from all classes of people, he asked.

Chamarajanagar Lok Sabha BJP candidate V. Sreenivasa Prasad addressing a media interaction at Pathrakartara Bhavan in city this morning as MDJA General Secretary K.J. Lokesh Babu looks on.

Asked why he had not supported for a Dalit CM in the 2013 elections and brought in Mallikarjun Kharge, he replied that Dr. Parameshwara had lost the election and Kharge was the Leader of the Opposition at the Centre and hence, Siddharamaiah was chosen.

On whether it was friendship (coalition) versus BJP, he said: "It was not that but a fight between Dosti versus Dosti (friendship) even though the Congress and JD(S) have come together to fight the election on that platform. This was because a fight had started between the two parties in Mandya, Hassan and Tumakuru."

Hence, he said that the coalition infighting would only benefit him and ensure his victory.

High-pitched campaigning in Mandya

Mandya, Apr.16 (Nagaiah&SR)- Political parties, their candidates, supporters, elected representatives, star campaigners including film personalities made their last attempt to woo the voters in the high-pitched Mandya Lok Sabha Constituency on the last day of public campaigning which will come to an end this evening.

Mandya has garnered the attention of media and public as Nikhil Kumaraswamy, son of Chief Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy (HDK) is contesting against independent candidate Sumalatha Ambarish, wife of late actor- turned-politician and former Minister M.H. Ambarish.

Both the candidates held roads shows, rallies, door-to-door campaigning and public meetings in Mandya and surrounding places in a bid to woo voters on the last day of public campaigning today.

Sumalatha Ambarish and Nikhil have extensively tried to undermine each other in a bid to persuade the electorate of the Constituency as a win in this election will make way for their political journey.

HDK, Sumalatha hold mega rallies

HDK's last minute efforts

Chief Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy, accompanied by a huge number of supporters, continued his road shows at various pockets of Mandya segment. The CM held the road show at Basaralu village and other places on the outskirts of Mandya. He will later conduct rallies on various streets of Mandya till this evening.

Nikhil Kumaraswamy conducted road shows at various villages of Maddur Assembly segment, the home town of late actor Ambarish where Nikhil is facing tough fight in this particular belt. He was accompanied with Transport Minister D.C. Thammanna.

Sumalatha's rally : Sumalatha too held her campaigning by visiting Garment factories at Gejjalagere and Somanahalli Industrial Area and also at villages of Maddur Assembly segment including Besagarahalli.

A large number of people gave her a rousing welcome at Besagarahalli. The Congress, BJP and Raitha Sangha flags dotted the streets of this village during the rally. Supporters of Sumalatha took part by holding photos of rebel Congress leader Cheluvarayaswamy and Raitha Sangha leader late Puttannaiah.

Later, in a show of strength, she conducted the massive road show on various streets of Mandya and will hold the Swambhimani Convention at the Silver Jubilee Park in Mandya this afternoon.

She took part in the rally, accompanied with various folk troupes after offering puja at Kalikamba Temple in the city. A huge number of supporters and fans of Sumalatha also took part in the rally. Sandalwood actors Darshan, Yash and Ambarish's son Abhishek Gowda also conducted the campaign in a last minute effort to woo voters for Sumalatha.

They appealed the people to elect late actor Ambarish's wife, who is also the daughter-in-law of Mandya by a record of margin of votes to uphold the pride and self respect of the people of Mandya.

Denies allegations

Replying to a question about the audio doing rounds in the social media about her meeting BJP leaders of the district at the private hotel, Sumalatha denied such meeting and termed the audio as fake.

She also set aside the allegations of becoming the Union Minister at NDA Government if BJP comes to power at the Centre after the Parliamentary polls. She dismissed these allegations as rumours unleashed by her political rivals to confuse and mislead the voters as well as to maligning her image.

On IT raids, Sumalatha denied to comment but alleged that JD(S) leaders were distributing money to woo the voters in order to defeat her in this election.

Ashok's road show for Simha

Mysuru, Apr. 16(RKB&SR)- Thousands of BJP activists took part in the massive rally, organised by the District BJP Unit on the last day of public campaigning for Mysuru Lok Sabha constituency this morning. They urged the people to elect BJP candidate Pratap Simha to build a robust nation led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

The rally that commenced from Gandhi Square, passed through the Clock Tower, K.R. Circle, Devaraj Urs Road, Shivarampet and other thorough fares of city.

A bike rally was also taken out by the youth appealing the people to bring BJP Government again in the Centre. The participation of large number of women was the major attraction of the rally.

Speaking after flagging off the rally, State BJP leader and former Deputy Chief Minister R. Ashok expressed confidence that the BJP would win at least 360 Lok Sabha seats including 22 seats in Karnataka with Modi wave across the nation. He said that the party will bank on the in-fighting between coalition partners Congress and JD(S) leaders in this election. BJP will seek votes on development plank and for strong nation, while the Congress is seeking votes on caste lines, he added.

He said that the BJP had won all the elections wherever Congress Legislature Party leader Siddharamaiah had campaigned across the State.

He ridiculed the bonhomie between Siddharamaiah and G.T. Devegowda at the recently held Chamundeshwari Congress and JD(S) rally as Shivaji hugging Afzal Khan, 17th Century General of Adil Shah Dynasty of Bijapur who always fought against Shivaji, the Maratha warrior.

Stating he had successfully organised Modi rallies at five different places in Karnataka as Modi's Tour Coordinator in the State, he said Modi will address the other two rallies at Chikkodi and Bagalkot on Apr.18. He alleged that Siddharamaiah's poll strategy will not work out in this poll and he himself suffered humiliating defeat in the last year's Chamundeshwari Assembly election.

He said that the nation needs a strong leader like Modi to check terrorism, to fight hostile neighbours like Pakistan as well as for the progress of the country.

Chamaraja MLA L. Nagendra, City BJP President B.H. Manjunath, BJP Corporators and others were present.

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Hardik Pandya's cameo helps MI coast to victory

Mumbai, Apr.16- Mumbai Indians (MI) beat Royal Challengers Bangalore (RCB) by 5 wickets at the Wankhede Stadium in Mumbai.

Chasing 172, MI were off to a flier as the opening pair of Quinton de Kock and captain Rohit Sharma added 70 runs in 7 overs. De Kock made a quick-fire 40 off 26 balls. His innings included 5 fours and 2 sixes.

Moeen Ali struck twice in his very first over to dismiss both the MI openers. Rohit scored 28 off 19. His innings included 2 fours and 2 sixes.

The middle-order batsmen Suryakumar Yadav (29), Ishan Kishan (21 off 9) and Krunal Pandya (11) kept the hosts going. Hardik Pandya's unbeaten cameo (37 not out off 16 balls) helped MI coast to victory with an over to spare. Hardik's innings included 5 fours and 2 sixes.

With this win, MI move to the 3rd position in IPL 2019 points table.

Earlier, RCB scored 171/7 in 20 overs courtesy a fluent 75 by AB de Villiers.

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MI 172/5 (19)
beat
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India World Cup 2019 Team announced

Virat Kohli | *Rohit Sharma* | *Shikhar Dhawan* | *K.L. Rahul* | *Vijay Shankar*

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Bhuvneshwar | *Jasprit Bumrah* | *Hardik Pandya* | *Ravindra Jadeja* | *Md. Shami*

New Delhi, Apr.16- India announced their 15-man squad for the ICC World Cup 2019, to be played in the UK from May 30, 2019. Virat Kohli will lead the squad, which was announced in Mumbai yesterday.

While there were no major surprises in the 15, the inclusion of Dinesh Karthik was the notable factor, with Rishabh Pant being the surprise exclusion.

The announcement was being awaited with great anticipation, especially since the date was declared a while ago, with most of the conjecture surrounding who would be India's crucial No.4 batsman. The squad was announced by Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) Acting Honorary Secretary Amitabh Choudhary, with Chairman of Selectors MSK Prasad sharing the dais.

THE SQUAD

Virat Kohli (Captain), Rohit Sharma (Vice-Captain), Shikhar Dhawan, K.L. Rahul, Vijay Shankar, M.S. Dhoni (WK), Kedar Jadhav, Dinesh Karthik, Yuzvendra Chahal, Kuldeep Yadav, Bhuvneshwar Kumar, Jasprit Bumrah, Hardik Pandya, Ravindra Jadeja and Mohammed Shami.

Veteran Dinesh Karthik pipped young turk Rishabh Pant in the fight for the second wicket-keeper's slot.

There were no surprises as the MSK Prasad-headed Selection Committee maintained continuity in their choices with the only topic of discussion being the second wicket-keeper.

The 33-year-old Karthik got the nod ahead of the 21-year-old Pant despite an indifferent IPL campaign with the Kolkata Knight Riders.

"The second wicket-keeper comes into play only if Mahi (M.S. Dhoni) is injured. We went ahead with Karthik because of his experience in big matches," Prasad said while announcing the squad here.

The side, led by Virat kohli, comprises five specialist batsmen, two wicket-keepers, three fast bowlers, three all-rounders and two specialist spinners.

Tamil Nadu all-rounder Vijay Shankar made it for his "three-dimensional" qualities.

Prajnesh rises to career-high ranking of 80 in ATP rankings

New Delhi, Apr.16- Continuing his good run, India's Prajnesh Gunneswaran achieved a career-high ranking of 80 in the latest ATP rankings released Monday.

The 29-year-old from Chennai, who broke into the top 100 in February this year, improved two places to become the sixth highest in terms of singles ranking in the history of Indian tennis.

Prajnesh had reached the third round of Indian Wells in his maiden appearance at an ATP Masters event. He had also made it to the third round of an ATP 1000 Tournament for the first time in his career at the BNP Paribas Open early this year.

He had also entered the main draw of Miami Open to rise to 81 last month.

Prajnesh Gunneswaran

Another Indian Ramkumar Ramanathan dropped 16 spots to slip out of the top 150. He is now at the 157th position.

MDFA 'A' Division Football

Ashoka FC emerge champs

Mysuru, Apr.16- Ashoka FC with 20 points from eight matches (6 wins & two draws) won the MDFA 'A' Division League title for the Achutha Rao Memorial Trophy played at the University Grounds here on Monday.

In the last league match of the Tournament, Chanakya Koota FC on Monday beat Gandhinagar FC 2-0 to finish runner-up with 17 points. The prize distribution function will be held at the University Grounds here last evening. Cosmos FC with 16 points finished third.

RESULTS

Chanakya Koota FC: 2 (Rameez 53, 56) bt **Gandhinagar FC:** 0.

League Final Placings: 1. Ashoka FC; **2.** Chanakya Koota FC; **3.** Cosmos FC; **4.** Town SC; **5.** Gandhinagar FC; **6.** Durgamba FC; **7.** Rovers FC; **8.** SW Railway South FC; **9.** Kickers FC.

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	(S-4)	10.45 am
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Madhura Raja (Ma)	(S-2)	9.55 pm
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Kavaludarri (K)	(S-3)	1.35 pm, 7.00 pm
The Least of These (E)	(S-3)	4.30 pm
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Uriyadi - 2 (Ta)	(S-3)	2.30 pm
Hellboy (E)	(S-1)	10.00 am, 3.55 pm, 9.40 pm
	(S-4)	7.05 pm
Chitralahari (Te)	(S-2)	1.05 pm; (S-3) 9.55 pm
Pet Sematary (E)	(S-4)	9.50 am, 4.45 pm, 9.45 pm
Shazam (E)	(S-3)	5.00 pm; (S- 2) 9.50 pm
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Shazam ! (E)	1.30 pm
Kavaludaari (K)	2.00 pm, 6.45 pm
Pet Sematary (E)	4.20 pm, 10 pm
Chitralahari (Te)	4.25 pm, 9.50 pm
Night Out (K)	5.05 pm
Watchman (Ta)	7.45 pm
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EVENTS TODAY (APR.16)

Sri Mahajana Sabha and Krishnamurthypuram Sri Rama Mandira: 90th Sri Ramotsava, Bhajans by Chitkala Mahila Sangha, **4 pm to 5 pm;** Vishnu Sahasranama by Vishnu Parayana Mandali, **5 pm to 6 pm;** Vocal duet by H.K. Rekha and H.K. Shashwati, **6.15 pm to 8 pm;** Hanumanthotsava, procession in main thoroughfares, Sri Rama Mandira premises, Krishnamurthypuram, **6.30 pm.**

Sri Ramabhyudaya Sabha Charitable Trust, Srirampet: 129th anniversary celebration of Sri Vikari Nama Samvatsara, discourse on 'Ramayana' by retd. Engineer and Vidwan K. Ramachandra, Temple premises, **5 pm to 6 pm;** vocal recital by Vidu. R. Anahita and Vidu. R. Apoorva, accompanied by Vid. Gokula on violin, Vid. B.C. Manjunath on mridanga and Vid. G.S. Ramanujam on ghata, Alamma Choultry, Kunchitagara Sangha, Srirampet, **6.30 pm to 9.30 pm.**

Sri Rama Temple, Palace North Gate: Sri Ramanavami Mahotsava, Cultural Programmes — Sugama Sangeetha by Harshita and troupe, **6 pm;** 'Harihathe' by Malini, Temple premises, **7 pm.**

Sri Rama Bhakta Vrinda Seva Trust, Sri Rama Mandira, J.P. Nagar: Sri Ramanavami Mahotsava, Cultural Programme, **6.30 pm;** Bharatanayam by Vidu. T.A. Deepti, Mahadevapura (J.P. Nagar), Chamundipuram, Sri Rama Mandira premises, **8.30 pm.**

Sri Sitarama Temple Trust, Railway Colony: Sri Ramanavami Mahotsava, Devotional Songs contest by Railway Workshop Art Troupe, Bhajana Mandali, Sri Sitarama Temple premises, **6.30 pm.**

Ganavisharada Shri Bidaram Krishnappa's Sri Prasanna Seetarama Mandira: 103rd Ramanavami Music Festival, vocal concert by Vid. Vignesh Ishwar from Chennai, accompanied by Vid. Vittal Rangan on violin, Vid. Tumkur B. Ravishankar on mridanga and Vid. Sharath Kaushik on ghata, Mandira premises, Devaraja Mohalla, **6.30 pm.**

Sri Rama Seva Mandali, Sri Shankaranarayanaswamy Temple, Chamundipuram: Sri Ramotsava, Special Religious Programme 'Durga Deepa Namaskara' led by Sripati Tantri, Temple premises, **6.30 pm.**

Avadhoota Datta Peetham: Discourse on 'Srimad Bhagavatha Dashama Skanda' by Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda Swamiji, Ganapathy Ashrama premises, Mysuru-Ooty Road, **7 pm to 9 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (APR.17)

Sri Rama Temple, Palace North Gate: Sri Ramanavami Mahotsava, Abhisheka, Parayana, Archane and other puja rituals, **8 am;** Sri Pavamana Homa, **9 am;** Cultural Programmes — Bhajans by Rajeshwari Bhajana Mandali, **6 pm;** Sugama Sangeetha by Rekha Ravishankar and troupe, Temple premises, **7 pm.**

Sri Rama Seva Mandali, Sri Shankaranarayanaswamy Temple, Chamundipuram: Sri Ramotsava, Mahanyasa Purvaka - Yekadashavara Rudrabhisheka, **8 am;** Veena Duet by Vidu. M.K. Saraswathi and Vidu. Rajasri Joysar, accompanied by Vid. H.L. Shivashankaraswamy on mridanga and Vid. S. Manjunath on ghata, Temple premises, **6.30 pm.**

Sri Rama Bhakta Vrinda Seva Trust, Sri Rama Mandira, J.P. Nagar: Sri Ramanavami Mahotsava, Sri Hanumanthotsava, Abhisheka, Parayana, Bhajan Programme, **8 am;** Utsava, Mangalarathi and Prasada Viniyoga, **11.30 am;** Mahamangalarati and Prasada Viniyoga, **12 noon;** Uyyalotsava to Lord Sri Rama, **6 pm;** Shayanotsava, Mahamangalarati and Prasada Viniyoga, Sri Rama Mandira premises, **8.30 pm.**

Sri Mahajana Sabha and Krishnamurthypuram Sri Rama Mandira: 90th Sri Ramotsava, Bhajans by Nalini and troupe, **10 am;** Bhajans by Vidu. Saraswathidevi and troupe, **11 am;** Bhajans by Umamaheshwari Mandali, **5 pm to 6 pm;** Music Feature by Latha Deshpande and troupe, Sri Rama Mandira premises, Krishnamurthypuram, **6.15 pm to 9 pm.**

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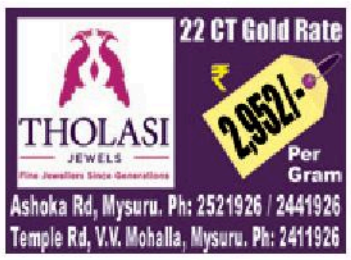

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